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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 31, 2001, having a shortened period for response set to expire on October 31, 2001. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to January 31, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 8, 12, 16, and 20-22 as follows:

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8. (TWICE AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:
digital information receiving means for receiving digital information provided via a communication medium;
drive means for reading digital information from, and writing digital information to, a removable storage medium;

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